



Men Against Violence Against Women

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THE VIOLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

The most **insidious, crippling and challenging** problem facing the profession of **Architecture** today is “**Shelter and Settlement Violence**”, generally called **Domestic Violence**.

Insidious, in that the profession has failed to date, to accept, recognize, appreciate and solutionise for the prevalence of Violence that emanates from the **Familial Environment**, which always include some form of **Shelter**.

Crippling, in that regardless of the beautiful structures built and secured, dysfunctional human beings, continue to wreck havoc, in and around such space solutions.

Challenging, in that the necessary **Research** to inform Curriculum Design for **Programmes in Architecture** is not yet deemed essential, especially Research to assist in **Behaviour Change Strategies**.

In addition, no attention is being paid to the increasing demand for “**Transitional Homes**”, for both **men and women**, who have been living in **Violent Relationships**. Said Homes, obviously, have to be designed, using an informed base on the “**Psychosocial Effects of Enclosed Space on Human Behavior**”.

Until the majority of **Architects** stop believing that **Architecture** is a profession for **Architects** and is instead, a **Service To Mankind**, *which shapes Space to provide maximum comfort, increase production levels and reduce frustration levels, eventually contributing to balanced human beings*, we will not be given the opportunity to have as an Ally, one of the most important partners in Mankind’s Quest for full Democratic development, namely “**Gender Sensitive Architects**”.

Hats off to modern day **Architects** like **Colin Laird**, who in my view, realizes that the two most Critical Components of **Architecture** in the Future will be “**Green and Natural Growth Architecture**”

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